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ELECTRICITY CONNECTION IN CHANDIGARH
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the residents of various villages and labour colonies in U.T. Chandigarh have been asking for electricity connections and metered power supply;

(b) whether grant of such connections will drastically reduce the incidence of illegal `kundi` connections; and

(c) if so, the reasons for not providing such regular connections sought by the residents?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) to (c) : The Chandigarh Administration has notified a policy on 18.4.2002, for the grant of Bulk Supply Electricity connection to Jhuggi Jhopri Clusters/Slumdwellers/unauthorised colonies/residents outside `Lal Dora` on single delivery system. The policy provides for Single Point Delivery connection to the Leading Person at one ormore points. The Leading Person has been defined to mean Resident Welfare Association or an authorized Leading Person or a competent company or contractor. The responsibility for giving further service connections to the Residents beyond the single point delivery connections vests with the Leading Person. According to the Chandigarh Administration, this policy measure is an improvement over the earlier policy of releasing individual electricity connections which led to increase in illegal kundi connections.